

ABIGAIL – 1 SAMUEL 25

--- V. 3. Her husband, Nabal, was very rich, with 3000 sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. He was a hard man and of bad works.

--- V. 3. Abigail was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance

--- V. 4 David heard Nabal shear his sheep. David had contact with Nabal's shearers. David says that "they have been with us" and treated them well and helped them (V. 15:16). "They lacked nothing."

--- V. 5-9 David sent 10 men to greet Nabal, explaining how David and his shearers had had a very good relationship with Nabal's shearers.

--- Then he says, "I beg you to give what you have at hand to your servants, and to your son David."

--- V. 10-12, Nabal disdained David's request. He mocked him, saying "Who is David?"

--- V. 13 David and 400 men planned to destroy Nabal with all his own (v. 22).

--- V. 14 "But one of the servants gave notice to Abigail" explaining that David had been very good to Nabal's shearers but that now having been rejected and scorned by Nabal David intended to destroy him.

--- This servant explains all this to Abigail and tells her to "reflect and see what you have to do" to avoid this slaughter of those in Nabal's house.

--- V. 18 Abigail gathers a lot of food and goes out to find David and make right with him about the crisis. She prostrates herself before him and takes responsibility for the "sin" (Nabal's foolish actions) and says (v. 25) "Ignore that wicked man" saying that his name Nabal meant foolish and that he was.

--- V. 26-31 Abigail very wisely talks about God and God's plan for David. Abigail's reasoning is very correct and certainly very pleasant for David.

--- This text indicates that Abigail knew God, had faith in God, and also had knowledge of David and his relationship with God.

--- V. 31 Abigail did not want David to suffer remorse for destroying Nabal's house. God took care of Nabal ("vengeance is mine").

--- V, 32-35, David was very grateful for Abigail's intervention and "took her for a wife" (v. 39).

LESSONS:

--- Do not fall into the trap of turning evil for evil, imitating the carnal behavior of the husband of bad behavior.

--- Nabal returned evil for good to David and David intended to return evil for evil (WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL).

--- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; James 1:19-20

--- 1 Peter 3:4, gentle and gentle but not passive spirit.

--- She wasn't shy, fearful. What she did was an act of bravery.

--- She knew when to talk and when not to talk. "But she didn't tell her husband Nabal." She knew when he would be mentally ready to listen. Reasoning with a drunkard?

--- It is not always possible to reason with someone. Abigail knew about David and believed he was capable of reasoning.

--- Physical beauty is not enough. Prov. 11:22 "Like a golden ring on a pig's snout is the beautiful woman who lacks discretion"

--- Good example, good character, has a strong impact on others. Light of the world, salt of the earth. Spirit-filled, use God's word.

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